

# FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IS NOT LINKED TO ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION



FGM is a traditional practice which existed well before the arrival of monotheistic religions.

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After people converted to these religions, certain traditions were integrated into religious practices.

**OVERTIME, WE FUSED TRADITION AND RELIGION.**



## NO RELIGION SAYS THAT FGM IS OBLIGATORY

**Religion is one of the reasons most often raised in defence of FGM, but the practice is not obligatory in Islam or in other religions.**

Not all Muslim communities carry out FGM (for example, Moroccan and Tunisian do not), while several non-Muslim communities, Christian or animist, do so.

[Video CoP FGM with Imam Moussé Fall](#)



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## RELIGION CANNOT EXPLAIN THE EXISTENCE OF THE PRACTICE

Different arguments are used in favour of the practice in different countries, ethnic groups and time periods.  
**Religion is sometimes included, but cannot on its own explain the existence or durability of the practice.**

# PRACTISING A SPECIFIC RELIGION IS NOT IN ITSELF AN INDICATION THAT SOMEONE SUPPORTS FGM.